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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to firm on hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Offers and inquiries were light to fair. Whole bird trading was limited to two loads of commodity tom at 71 cents in the Central Region. Domestic trading on meats and parts was very spotty. Inventories of thigh meat were well cleared in areas due to heavy export sales and the market tone was steady. Tom parts generally available however buying interest was light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading centered on tom drums and mechanically separated turkey. Thigh meat sales tapered as supplies were less available and sellers were reluctant to sell at lower levels.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JULY 22, 1999**

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-70.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	360	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	71-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-71.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	70-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-71.5	71	71.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JULY 23, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	72.50 **	70.00	61.93
CENTRAL REGION	70.25 **	69.77	62.00
WESTERN REGION	71.00 **	71.00 **	63.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	73.00 **	70.00	65.13
CENTRAL REGION	71.00	70.77	65.00
WESTERN REGION	72.00 **	72.00 **	64.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	90-92
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	74-77
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	75-78
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-92
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 26-JUL-99

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>

SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)	140	20

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 10-Jul-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
	HEAD	%	CHG	WT	----	THOUSAND	HEAD----
							WT
N EAST	1,504	235	20.95	(A)	(A)	1,512	20.98
S ATL	707	40	27.68	(A)	(A)	724	27.59
N CENT	2,285	35	27.41	(A)	(A)	2,308	27.39
S CENT	523	-6	18.84	NONE	NONE	523	18.84
WEST	202	-34	26.82	(A)	(A)	203	26.96
U.S.TOTAL	5,221(B)	49	24.71	0	49	5,270	24.71

TO DATE

1999 126,677(B) 55 900 127,632

TO DATE

1998 135,636(B) 32 976 136,644

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 5,000 for the year 369,000; last year to date 486,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 10-Jul-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	0	5,221	49	5,270
AVGWT	0.00	24.71	25.51	24.71
LAST WEEK	0	3,508	40	3,548
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	3,854	20	3,874
AVGWT	0.00	25.75(A)	24.25	25.74
TO-DATE/1999	55	126,677(A)	900	127,632
TO-DATE/1998	32	135,636(A)	976	136,644

A) Includes 369,000 young banded breeders in 1999
and 486,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 10-Jul-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 202 HD, 5,417 LBS,
TO DATE 8,279 HD, 202,033 LBS; OLD 2 HD, TO DATE 154 HD;
TOTAL 204 HD, TO DATE 8,433 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JUNE	453,574 *
JULY 1-10, 1999	134,596 *

To date 1999	2,635,480 *
To date 1998	2,754,041 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 JULY 1999.

Trade sentiment for tom breast meat and tenders mostly steady in domestic movement. Drums, thighs, and skin added mechanically separated turkey remained available and in a weak position even in fairly heavy activity mostly going export. Necks steady and full-cut wings mixed.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	135.00		135.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	16.50	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	21.91	55
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	20.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	23.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		W	15.00	40
NECKS, HEN		F	14.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	190.00		190.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	190.00	40
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	52.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	107.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		W	70.00	50
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	165.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	67.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	17.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.40	288
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00		17.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.17	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.00	104
TAILS	15.00		15.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.50-15.00		14.50	1,352
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-47.00		44.66	1,300

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Trade sentiment for tom breast meat and tenders mostly steady. Mechanically separated turkey trading fairly heavy at steady to weak price levels going to export. Trading for other parts and meats slow with limited activity going to export. 3 loads of fresh destrapped tenderloins traded at 175 cents.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ DRUMSTICKS, TOM DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH DRUMSTICKS, HEN WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN NECKS, TOM NECKS, HEN BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ THIGH MEAT THIGH MEAT—FRESH BREAST TRIM MEAT SCAPULA MEAT TENDERLOINS DESTRAPPED TENDERS WING MEAT WITH SKIN MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00 18.00-19.50 15.00 190.00 73.00 160.00 68.00 14.00-15.00	 R F F F R F W F M 	135.00 17.17 18.75 20.00 23.50 15.00 14.00 190.00 190.00 52.00 107.00 73.00 160.00 165.00 68.00 17.00 14.67	40 48 80 9 40 16 9 40 40 20 10 80 20 160 4 200 60	135.00 18.00 20.03 15.23 14.00 190.00 188.22 107.00 71.85 160.00 68.00 17.00 14.67	40 182 156 91 9 40 360 10 130 20 4 200 60
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	16.50 16.00	 F W R R	16.50 20.17 21.00 15.00 16.00 44.66	240 60 104 120 440 1,300	16.63 21.00 15.00 14.87 44.88	640 104 120 1,792 2,704

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